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More than \$800,000 in Federal Scenic Byway Funds Awarded Statewide

OLYMPIA –Six projects from across the state were recently selected to receive more than \$800,000 in grants from the Federal Highway’s National Scenic Byways Program.

"I am pleased to have helped to provide funds for the preservation and maintenance of Washington state's spectacular and varied scenic byways," Senator Murray said. "The projects funded today exemplify the best in community efforts to preserve our historic and scenic spaces while enhancing the journey for travelers along the way."

In thanking Senator Murray for her support of a program close to his heart, Secretary Doug MacDonald stated, "These byway grants support rural communities and tourism and will help us show off some of our state’s most beautiful areas."

The Washington byways receiving funding are:

- **North Pend Oreille Scenic Byway** – more than \$189,000 for "The River and the Road Implementation," a project completing 3 of 7 interpretive sites along the byway.
- **Coulee Corridor** – nearly \$166,000 for phase 2 of the "Byway Facilities & Interpretive Improvements" project that provides signage, community kiosks, and interpretive panels on byway sites.
- **Pacific Coast Scenic Byway** – \$278,000 for the "Olympic Coastal Corridor Visitor Center" project to help construct a visitor/interpretive facility with restrooms.
- **Palouse Scenic Byway** – more than \$112,000 for a "Byway Facility Implementation" to provide for interpretive planning of byway sites and design for a visitor center.
- **Mountains to Sound Greenway** – \$45,000 for a "Wayside Exhibits Project" that will design a traveler information and interpretive kiosk, and \$25,000 for the "Implementation of Corridor Management Plan (Year 2)" to help sustain effective communications and coordination in byway organizations.

The Federal Highway Administration’s National Scenic Byways Program recognizes the selected roads for their scenic, natural, recreational, historic, cultural or archaeological qualities. Since 1992, Washington state has received over \$13 million for projects on scenic byways. The grants will be used for projects such as corridor management plans; interpretive trails, kiosks, and signage; visitor information centers, bike and pedestrian trails; safety upgrades; resource protection and educational and promotional materials.

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